

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
COMMITTEE**

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Member Day

Thank you, Chairman Graves, and Ranking Member Larson, all the members of this committee. I appreciate this opportunity to speak with you.

We should all know what happened in East Palestine, Ohio. The derailment was catastrophic, not only for the families in proximity to the site, but for those miles away, like my constituents down the Ohio River. Many Ohioans were rightfully concerned for their own health and safety, and for the health and safety of their children.

While Norfolk Southern assisted somewhat, families were displaced and there are lasting concerns of long-term health concerns, loss in property value, and access to clean drinking water. I ask that the committee consider this preventable incident in East Palestine, Ohio during the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Reauthorization.

In addition, under the FAA Reauthorization, I ask that you consider providing guardrails to airports and how they interact with their ground transportation teams. All modes of ground transportation should have the same rates, fees, and rentals to ensure fair usage for travelers.